

# Package ‘LSX’

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LSS allows users to analyze large and complex corpora on arbitrary dimensions with seed words exploiting efficiency of word embeddings (SVD, Glove).

It can generate word vectors on a users-provided corpus or incorporate a pre-trained word vectors.

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as.seedwords	<i>Convenient function to convert a list to seed words</i>
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**Description**

Convenient function to convert a list to seed words

**Usage**

```
as.seedwords(x, upper = 1, lower = 2)
```

**Arguments**

x	a list of characters vectors or a <a href="#">dictionary</a> object
upper	numeric index or key for seed words for higher scores
lower	numeric index or key for seed words for lower scores

**Value**

named numeric vector for seed words with polarity scores

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cohesion	<i>Computes cohesion of components of latent semantic analysis</i>
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**Description**

Computes cohesion of components of latent semantic analysis

**Usage**

```
cohesion(object, bandwidth = 10)
```

### Arguments

object	a fitted <code>textmodel_lss</code>
bandwidth	size of window for smoothing

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### `data_dictionary_ideology`

*Seed words for analysis of left-right political ideology*

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### Description

Seed words for analysis of left-right political ideology

### Examples

```
as.seedwords(data_dictionary_ideology)
```

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### `data_dictionary_sentiment`

*Seed words for analysis of positive-negative sentiment*

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### Description

Seed words for analysis of positive-negative sentiment

### References

Turney, P. D., & Littman, M. L. (2003). Measuring Praise and Criticism: Inference of Semantic Orientation from Association. *ACM Trans. Inf. Syst.*, 21(4), 315–346. <https://doi.org/10.1145/944012.944013>

### Examples

```
as.seedwords(data_dictionary_sentiment)
```

`data_textmodel_lss_russianprotests`  
*A fitted LSS model on street protest in Russia*

## Description

This model was trained on a Russian media corpus (newspapers, TV transcripts and newswires) to analyze framing of street protests. The scale is protests as "freedom of expression" (high) vs "social disorder" (low). Although some slots are missing in this object (because the model was imported from the original Python implementation), it allows you to scale texts using `predict`.

## References

Lankina, Tomila, and Kohei Watanabe. “‘Russian Spring’ or ‘Spring Betrayal’? The Media as a Mirror of Putin’s Evolving Strategy in Ukraine.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 69, no. 10 (2017): 1526–56. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2017.1397603>.

`diagnosys` *Identify noisy documents in a corpus*

## Description

Identify noisy documents in a corpus

## Usage

`diagnosys(x, ...)`

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	character or <code>corpus</code> object whose texts will be diagnosed
...	extra arguments passed to <code>tokens</code>

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seedwords

*Seed words for Latent Semantic Analysis*

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## Description

Seed words for Latent Semantic Analysis

## Usage

```
seedwords(type)
```

## Arguments

type type of seed words currently only for sentiment (sentiment) or political ideology (ideology).

## References

Turney, P. D., & Littman, M. L. (2003). Measuring Praise and Criticism: Inference of Semantic Orientation from Association. ACM Trans. Inf. Syst., 21(4), 315–346. <https://doi.org/10.1145/944012.944013>

## Examples

```
seedwords('sentiment')
```

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smooth\_lss

*Smooth predicted LSS scores by local polynomial regression*

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## Description

Smooth predicted LSS scores by local polynomial regression

## Usage

```
smooth_lss(  
  x,  
  lss_var = "fit",  
  date_var = "date",  
  span = 0.1,  
  from = NULL,  
  to = NULL,  
  engine = c("loess", "locfit"),  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

x	a <code>data.frame</code> containing LSS scores and dates
lss_var	the name of the column for LSS scores
date_var	the name of the columns for dates
span	determines the level of smoothing.
from	start of the time period
to	end of the time period
engine	specifies the function to smooth LSS scores: <code>loess()</code> or <code>locfit()</code> . The latter should be used when n > 10000.
...	extra arguments passed to <code>loess()</code> or <code>lp()</code>

textmodel\_lss

*A word embeddings-based semisupervised model for document scaling*

## Description

A word embeddings-based semisupervised model for document scaling

## Usage

```
textmodel_lss(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'dfm'
textmodel_lss(
  x,
  seeds,
  terms = NULL,
  k = 300,
  slice = NULL,
  weight = "count",
  cache = FALSE,
  simil_method = "cosine",
  engine = c("RSpectra", "irlba", "rsvd"),
  include_data = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'fcm'
textmodel_lss(
  x,
  seeds,
  terms = NULL,
  w = 50,
```

```

  weight = "count",
  cache = FALSE,
  simil_method = "cosine",
  engine = c("rsparse"),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

x	a dfm or fcm created by <code>quanteda::dfm()</code> or <code>quanteda::fcm()</code>
...	additional argument passed to the SVD engine
seeds	a character vector, named numeric vector or dictionary that contains seed words.
terms	words weighted as model terms. All the features of <code>quanteda::dfm()</code> or <code>quanteda::fcm()</code> will be used if not specified.
k	the number of singular values requested to the SVD engine. Only used when x is a dfm.
slice	a number or indices of the components of word vectors used to compute similarity; slice < k to truncate word vectors; useful for diagnosis and simulation.
weight	weighting scheme passed to <code>quanteda::dfm_weight()</code> . Ignored when engine is "rsparse".
cache	if TRUE, save result of SVD for next execution with identical x and settings. Use the <code>base::options(lss_cache_dir)</code> to change the location cache files to be save.
simil_method	specifies method to compute similarity between features. The value is passed to <code>quanteda.textstats::textstat_simil()</code> , "cosine" is used otherwise.
engine	choose SVD engine between <code>RSpectra::svds()</code> , <code>irlba::irlba()</code> , and <code>rsparse::GloVe()</code> .
include_data	if TRUE, fitted model include the dfm supplied as x.
verbose	show messages if TRUE.
w	the size of word vectors. Only used when x is a fcm

## References

Watanabe, Kohei. "Measuring News Bias: Russia's Official News Agency ITAR-TASS' Coverage of the Ukraine Crisis." European Journal of Communication 32, no. 3 (March 20, 2017): 224–41.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0267323117695735>.

## Examples

```

library("quanteda")
con <- url("https://bit.ly/2GZwLcN", "rb")
corp <- readRDS(con)
close(con)
toks <- corpus_reshape(corp, "sentences") %>%
  tokens(remove_punct = TRUE) %>%

```

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tokens_remove(stopwords("en")) %>%
  tokens_select("^[\p{L}]+$", valuetype = "regex", padding = TRUE)
dfmt <- dfm(toks) %>%
  dfm_trim(min_termfreq = 10)

seed <- as.seedwords(data_dictionary_sentiment)

# SVD
lss_svd <- textmodel_lss(dfmt, seed)
summary(lss_svd)

# sentiment model on economy
eco <- head(char_keyness(toks, 'econom*'), 500)
svd_eco <- textmodel_lss(dfmt, seed, terms = eco)

# sentiment model on politics
pol <- head(char_keyness(toks, 'politi*'), 500)
svd_pol <- textmodel_lss(dfmt, seed, terms = pol)

# GloVe
fcmt <- fcm(toks, context = "window", count = "weighted", weights = 1 / (1:5), tri = TRUE)
lss_glov <- textmodel_lss(fcmt, seed)
summary(lss_glov)

```

**textplot\_simil***Plot similarity between seed words***Description**

Plot similarity between seed words

**Usage**

```
textplot_simil(x, group = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| <b>x</b>     | fitted textmodel_lss object   |
| <b>group</b> | if TRUE group seed words by seed patterns and show average similarity |

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textplot\_terms      *Plot polarity scores of words*

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### Description

Plot polarity scores of words

### Usage

```
textplot_terms(x, highlighted = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	fitted textmodel_lss object
highlighted	<a href="#">quanteda::pattern</a> to specify words to highlight

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textstat\_context      *Identify context words using user-provided patterns*

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### Description

Identify context words using user-provided patterns

### Usage

```
textstat_context(  
  x,  
  pattern,  
  valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"),  
  case_insensitive = TRUE,  
  window = 10,  
  min_count = 10,  
  remove_pattern = TRUE,  
  ...  
)  
  
char_context(  
  x,  
  pattern,  
  valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"),  
  case_insensitive = TRUE,  
  window = 10,  
  min_count = 10,  
  remove_pattern = TRUE,  
  p = 0.001
```

```

)
char_keyness(
  x,
  pattern,
  valuetype = c("glob", "regex", "fixed"),
  case_insensitive = TRUE,
  window = 10,
  min_count = 10,
  remove_pattern = TRUE,
  p = 0.001
)

```

## Arguments

x	a tokens object created by <a href="#">quanteda::tokens()</a> .
pattern	<a href="#">quanteda::pattern()</a> to specify target words
valuetype	the type of pattern matching: "glob" for "glob"-style wildcard expressions; "regex" for regular expressions; or "fixed" for exact matching. See <a href="#">quanteda::valuetype()</a> for details.
case_insensitive	ignore case when matching, if TRUE
window	size of window for collocation analysis.
min_count	minimum frequency of words within the window to be considered as collocations.
remove_pattern	if TRUE, keywords do not contain target words.
...	additional arguments passed to <a href="#">textstat_keyness()</a> .
p	threshold for statistical significance of collocations.

## See Also

[tokens\\_select\(\)](#) and [textstat\\_keyness\(\)](#)

## Examples

```

#' @examples

require(quanteda)
con <- url("https://bit.ly/2GZwLcN", "rb")
corp <- readRDS(con)
close(con)
corp <- corpus_reshape(corp, 'sentences')
toks <- tokens(corp, remove_punct = TRUE)
toks <- tokens_remove(toks, stopwords())

# economy keywords
eco <- char_context(toks, 'econom*')
head(eco, 20)

```

```
tstat_eco <- textstat_context(toks, 'econom*')
head(tstat_eco)

# politics keywords
pol <- char_context(toks, 'politi*')
head(pol, 20)

# politics keywords
tstat_pol <- textstat_context(toks, 'politi*')
head(tstat_pol)
```

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